

PEARSON, J.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: EAST PALESTINE TRAIN
DERAILMENT

CASE NO. 4:23CV0242

JUDGE BENITA Y. PEARSON

ORDER

[Resolving [ECF No. 987](#)]

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STATE FARM FIRE & CASUALTY
COMPANY,

CASE NO. 4:24CV0587

Plaintiff,

JUDGE BENITA Y. PEARSON

v.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY
COMPANY, *et al.*,

Defendants.

ORDER

Pending is Plaintiff State Farm Fire & Casualty Company (“State Farm”) and Defendants Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Norfolk Southern Corporation’s (“Norfolk Southern”) Joint Motion to Sever and Reopen Case No. 4:24CV0587 ([ECF No. 987](#)).

On February 22, 2024, State Farm filed a subrogation action against Norfolk Southern in the Columbiana County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas, being [Case No. 2024 CV 00068](#). On March 29, 2024, Norfolk Southern removed the case to this Court on the basis of diversity jurisdiction and it was docketed as Case No. 4:24CV0587.

On April 9, 2024, Case No. 4:24CV0587, a related action, was consolidated into Case No. 4:23CV0242 for pretrial purposes pursuant to [Fed. R. Civ. P. 42](#). Case No. 4:24CV0587 was administratively closed. *See* Order ([ECF No. 7 in Case No. 4:24CV0587](#)).

State Farm and Norfolk Southern have resolved the claims that are the subject of Case No. 4:24CV0587 and wish to file a Stipulation on the docket dismissing State Farm's claims, with prejudice, pursuant to [Fed. R. Civ. P. 41\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\)](#).¹

For good cause shown, the Joint Motion to Sever and Reopen Case No. 4:24CV0587 ([ECF No. 987](#)) is granted. Case No. 4:24CV0587 is reinstated to the Court's active docket.

The Clerk of Court shall docket the within Order in Case Nos. 4:23CV242 and 4:24CV0587. Thereafter, all pleadings and other papers for the subrogation action brought by State Farm shall only be filed in and docket entries shall only be made in Case No. 4:24CV0587.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

July 9, 2025
Date

/s/ Benita Y. Pearson
Benita Y. Pearson
United States District Judge

¹ *See also* Status Report ([ECF No. 978 in Case No. 4:23CV0242](#)) at PageID #: 68820.